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Completing an intensive effort to get electricity turned on before Christmas in as many farm homes as possible, REA announced that 46 projects in 20 states had been energized in whole or in part since December 1. Several thousand rural homes were connected to the newly energized lines.

The effort was initiated in response to urgent requests from project officials and rural people to help realize the first electrical Christmas with brightly lighted farm homes, electrical gifts and illuminated Christmas trees.

These projects, when completed, will include nearly 8,000 miles of rural electric distribution line, serving more than 20,000 rural families. Lines energized in anticipation of Christmas range in length from a few miles to as many as 300 miles. Some of the projects are throwing the switch for the first time; others are turning current into the second and even the third section of their systems. Many other projects report completing short extensions and connecting additional customers for the holidays.

The portions energized so far this month establish a new high in REA production schedules. The projects listed below include several on which project officials and REA have been working night and day to complete necessary formalities by Christmas Eve. Telegraphic statements that everything is in shape are being accepted in lieu of written certifications in the effort to get current turned on in time. Last minute authorizations are occasionally being made by telephone.

The projects energized include those in Colquitt and Douglas Counties, Georgia; Bonner County, Idaho; Wabash, Henry, Carroll and Hendricks Counties, Indiana; Benton County, Iowa; Henderson and Meade Counties, Kentucky; Presque Isle County, Michigan; Kanabec, Redwood, Aitkin, Jackson, Carlton, Meeker, Faribault and McLeod Counties, Minnesota; Marshall County, Mississippi; Richland, Yellowstone, Madison and Ravalli Counties, Montana; Morrill and Lancaster Counties, Nebraska; Hyde County, North Carolina; Sussex County, New Jersey; Fairfield, Fulton Seneca and Williams Counties, Ohio; Kingfisher County, Oklahoma; Clearfield, Sullivan and Tioga Counties, Pennsylvania; Macon County, Tennessee; Milam, Brazos, Hill and Limestone Counties, Texas; Prince William and Nottaway Counties, Virginia; Oconto County, Wisconsin; Goshen and Platte Counties, Wyoming.

